



The Sacred Heart of the Matter



Charleston, WV

~ Sacred Heart Grade School ~

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Our Mission

In the context of a Catholic community, Sacred Heart Grade School strives to help students fulfill the potential of their God given talents and abilities by guiding them to develop themselves spiritually, intellectually, physically, emotionally, aesthetically, and socially.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Sacred Heart second grade parishioners who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 12 May each of you know the greatness of God's love and forgiveness.



UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Upon returning from Easter Break on **April 19** students may begin wearing their uniform shorts.

Since they are growing so fast, please take a moment and double check the length of their shorts...and all uniform pieces. **Remember that our uniform policy requires that shorts, jumpers, and skirts be knee length.** Also, please be sure that socks have no logos or designs, and that they can be easily seen. Your support is appreciated!

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DRESS DOWN DAYS



Tuesday, March 1
Wednesday, March 9
Thursday, March 17
Tuesday, March 22

Mardi Gras-everyone in gym uniforms
March Dress Down Day
Wear green for St. Patrick's Day
#Donovanstrong Dress Down Day



SHGS BOOK FAIR at TAYLOR BOOKS



The SHGS Book Fair will be held at school the week of March 21. Taylor Books will be here with a variety of books for purchase. Students will be able to purchase books from the fair on the days they have Reading Center as their special. There are no times for parents to come in with a student before or after school. The only time for purchase is during the students' Reading Center time.

Please contact Kamilla Rashid with questions.

Catholic Schools Week Update

We were humbled by this year's Day of Giving donations which totaled an amazing **\$37,109.00!** While our fundraising goal to have a Dress Down Week was \$25,000.00, as you will see below, student and family support of our many Day of Giving service projects was truly inspirational. I believe we achieved many important goals on this special day.

- Pennies for People: \$1544.98 raised for Sojourners Shelter and Hospice of Charleston!
- KCHA Animal Shelter donations: a truckload of dog and cat food as well as puppy pads, peanut butter, Dawn detergent, and litter went to the shelter to help all the animals!
- Stuffed animals and cards were given to the Charleston Fire Dept. for use in our community.
- Cards and pictures with prayers were created and sent to our seminarians.
- 109 boxes of diapers many other baby needs– 178 bottles of lotion, shampoo, soap, 18 cans of formula, & many blankets and bottles were collected and delivered to the Gabriel Project!
- In recognition of the love and hard work that went into our efforts to support our neighbors in need and our Day of Giving fundraising, we will have a dress down week the week prior to Easter Break, Monday, April 4– Friday, April 8. Thank you for you continued support of the SHGS community!

Uniform Sale

The uniform sale will be March 9, 2022. Please mark that on your calendar and come check out all the uniform pieces for spring and the upcoming school year. There are plenty of shorts and shirts for gym uniforms. With shorts season coming soon, the sale is a good time to get new shorts to finish the school year.



WINTER MAP GROWTH SCORES

Student MAP Growth scores from the second testing window will be sent home with third quarter report cards on **Friday, March 25**.

ARK Religion Testing

There is a new religion test that our students, grades 2-5, will be taking this year. It is the ARK test– Assessment of Religious Knowledge. The window for this test is March 22-April 2, 2022. Your child's teacher will have more specific information about test dates in her newsletter. Please check there for test date information.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Tuesday, March 1 will be the day we celebrate Mardi Gras. Each class will have a King Cake, popcorn, beads, masks, and other fun things! Fifth graders will be having a parade of Mardi Gras floats for all of us to enjoy. Everyone needs to wear the gym uniform this day as each class will participate in a dance party during the day. Lunch will of course be pancakes! It will be a great celebration before we enter the season of Lent.

Dress Down Week

For the week of April 4-8, 2022, we will have a dress down week. It seems we all will need a break after a long month of March. That week will lead us into Easter Break. However, no shorts can be worn until after Easter Break. Please review the guidelines for appropriate dress down clothing.

Spring MAP Growth Testing Window

The third and final MAP testing session will start on Wednesday, April 19, 2022. Grades K-5 will take the final test of the year during the window of April 19-May 13, 2022. The scores for this session of testing will be sent home in the final report card of the school year on Friday, June 3, 2022. Your child's home-room teacher will know specific days of testing for the class.

THANK YOU!

To Mrs. Katie Feola, Ms. Inghram, Mrs. Mullen, Mrs. Kurten, Mrs. Price & Mrs. Haas for a fantastic Mardi Gras celebration!

To Mr. Mark Haas who shares his musical and technological talents with us each Friday at mass!

CONDOLENCES

To Jill Keeney, Tiny Hearts teacher, for the loss of her father, Ken
To Alia & Henry Ross for the loss of their paternal grandfather, David

We pray that in this time of loss, you will feel God's love and find comfort in the presence of the Lord.



DEAR Day!

On Friday, March 18, 2022, we will end our day with a designated DEAR time for everyone. DEAR stands for Drop Everything And Read so we will stop our work at 2:00 and spend the rest of our day reading books. I encourage all children to bring a blanket (or beach towel), maybe a pillow, and definitely a good book to read. Teachers will let you know how it will be handled in the classroom.. Please check classroom newsletters.

Class Picnics

We are (tentatively) scheduled to have our class picnics again! The dates are Wednesday, May 25 & Thursday, May 26. The students will meet at the Columbia Shelter at Coonskin Park. The games will be played on the Schoenbaum Field right next to the shelter. More details, which grades will go on which day, will come in the next newsletter.

Class Pictures

Class pictures are scheduled for April 20 & 21 and will be taken by local photographer, Mike Hall. We will announce the date for your child's class before Easter Break. Students in grades K-5 will be in uniforms for this picture.



Applications for 2022-2023 School Year

If you haven't returned your child's application for the upcoming school year, please do so. Acceptance letters for new families will be going out soon. Please spread the word about SHGS. New families will need to apply online.

Chick-Fil- A Lunch

Thursday, March 17 is Chick-Fil-A lunch for all grades. An order form will go home on Friday, March 4. If your child will be eating Chick-Fil-A for lunch that day, please fill out the form and send in the money. This lunch will not be billed to your child's lunch account. Hot lunch will not be made in the cafeteria on this day so if you'd prefer, you can send a packed lunch with your child for that day. Milk can be billed to your child's lunch account (\$0.50) since no drink comes with the lunch. Please return the order forms by Friday, March 11, 2022, so we can place the order.

Living Stations of the Cross

The fifth grade students will be reenacting the Stations of the Cross for students in grades 1-4 on Tuesday, April 5. This is always a moving experience and we are lucky to be able to do it again in person.

Preschool Classes Canceled– April 5 & 6

Tiny Hearts, ECE, and PreK will not be in school on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6 as the teachers will be attending the Celebrating Connections Conference. This is a yearly conference for teachers of young children. Classes will resume on Thursday, April 6. There is no ASC for these students on April 5 & 6. Grades K-5 and ASC for grades K-5 will operate on a normal schedule all week.





MARCH



Tuesday, March 1

Mardi Gras– wear gym uniforms

Wednesday, March 2

Ash Wednesday– Mass @ 9:30 am

Friday, March 4

#Donovanstrong Dress Down Day

Saturday, March 5

#Donovanstrong Blood Drive

Wednesday, March 9

March Dress Down & Birthday Lunch
Uniform Sale in cafeteria

Thursday, March 17

St. Patrick’s Day Green Dress Down Day
Chick-Fil-A Lunch Day

Friday, March 18

End of 3rd nine weeks
DEAR Day

Tuesday, March 22

#Donovanstrong Dress Down Day

Friday, March 25

Popcorn Day
Report Card Day

Tuesday, April 5–

Wednesday, April 6

No class or ASC for TH, ECE, PreK

Monday, April 11-
Monday, April 18

Easter Break

Tuesday, April 19

Classes resume
Uniform shorts may be worn

